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"What is it?" asked the breezy caller.

"The door. Good-day."

### A Helpful Hint.

"I am almost in despair about my condition," somberly stated Alexander Akenside, the well known dyspeptic. "I cannot seem to find anything that will help me. My stomach—"

"I doubt there being any help for you, Ellick," interrupted Sanford Merton, a pessimistic person. "But if you would have your stomachic symptoms deleted by a competent censor it would relieve the rest of us mightily." —Puck.

### Two Viewpoints.

"Alas!" sighed the writer. "If I did not have such a large family making daily demands on me what masterpieces I could write and what wealth I could win."

"It's tough working all alone," sighed the writer across the way. "If I only had a family to work for and to make effort worth while, what mighty things with the pen I could accomplish!" —Judge.

### Hard to Decide.

Proudley—If Doubtless has finished his painting, why doesn't he send it to the exhibition and let people see it? Emmerley—Because he's in a quandary about giving it a name. Some of his friends want him to enter it as "The Falls of Niagara" and others advise him to turn the canvas upside down and call it "A Yellowstone Park Geyser." —Puck.

### On the River Styx.

"Something wrong here," said Charon to himself after collecting the tickets on his ferry boat. "There are eight passengers on board and I've only seven tickets. It looks like I was getting a shade the worst of it this trip."

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Madge—How is Dolly getting on in politics? Marjorie—Fine! A rich brother Socialist is going to marry her and let her spend all his money. —Judge.

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### Cause for Suspicion.

A mother who frequently went out to spend the day with her friends had been accompanied always by her seven-year-old son. One evening, on returning home very much bored with the day's experiences, he said to her: "Mother, if you don't stop taking me around with you so much, people will think you have married a dwarf!"

### Bound to Happen.

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